



**Town of Pownal
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2011**

Selectmen Present: Timothy Giddinge, Chairman, Jonathan Morris

Municipal Officials Present: Administrative Assistant Justin L. Poirier, Road Commissioner Shawn Bennett, Fire Chief Jesse Peters

Public Present: None

Motions Made at the Meeting

- ❖ **Motion** to enter into a contract with Coastal Humane Society by Mr. Giddinge, **seconded** by Mr. Morris; **vote** 2-0-0 in favor.

Call to Order

Chairman Giddinge called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Minutes-

- Minutes of June 6, 2011- **Motion** to accept the minutes as submitted by Mr. Giddinge, **seconded** by Mr. Morris; **vote** 2-0-0 in favor.
- Minutes of June 13, 2011- **Motion** to accept the minutes as amended by Mr. Giddinge, **seconded** by Mr. Morris; **vote** 2-0-0 in favor.

Warrant #49

- Warrant was received and a **motion** was made by Mr. Giddinge to accept the warrant in the amount of \$20,184.01 as presented, **seconded** by Mr. Morris; **vote** 2-0-0 in favor.

Consent Items - None

Discussion with the Public for Items Not on the Agenda - None

Guest Speakers – None

Department Head/Committee Reports

- Road Commissioner-
 - Poland Range Road Project- Mr. Bennett informed the BOS that the project is set to begin in two weeks.
 - Bill Crane- The BOS and Mr. Bennett discussed an e-mail sent to them regarding a beaver dam and preserving it.
 - Mr. Bennett informed the BOS that he met with Mr. Crane to discuss his concerns, but did not make any promises on behalf of the Town. Mr. Bennett stated that the Town has been down this road before with little success. He stated that open space and the conservation easement on the property are not the responsibility of the Town.
 - Mr. Bennett said that his crew cleaned out the culverts and replaced the grates. He said the Town cannot risk having the road wash out to save the beaver habitat.
 - Mr. Morris asked if Mr. Crane were to build a dam across his property could the Town prevent it?

- Mr. Bennett said as long as it did not impact the road he could.
- Administrative Assistant- Mr. Poirier asked the BOS to make a decision regarding the ACO contract with Coastal Humane Society or Animal Refuge League.
 - **Motion** to enter into a contract with Coastal Humane Society by Mr. Giddinge, **seconded** by Mr. Morris; **vote** 2-0-0 in favor.

Written Correspondence

- Submitted into the record.

Unfinished Business-

- Backyard Farms- Mr. Giddinge informed the BOS that this project is not moving forward. They have decided to remain in the Town of Madison.
- Pine Tree Waste- Wilson Road-
 - Mr. Morris reported that there has been no response from Mr. Ayers about the trash pickup issues.
 - Mr. Bennett stated that in order to improve the road it would require better drainage.
 - Mr. Morris said that many trees would need to be removed in order to accomplish that.
- RSU 5 Director – Mr. Poirier will call the remaining candidates and see if they are interested.

New Business-

- Check Disbursement Policy- Mr. Poirier submitted a draft policy to the BOS for their review.
 - Mr. Giddinge questioned the legality of section V and asked Mr. Poirier to have it reviewed by MMA.
 - Mr. Poirier said he would edit the document with the recommendations and then have it reviewed by legal.
- Fire Truck Purchase Options-
 - Mr. Giddinge said that an early summer bill would be the best time for the Town's finances.
 - Mr. Peters said that "opinion of counsel" letter is required by Osh-Kosh financial.
 - Mr. Giddinge asked Mr. Poirier to investigate other potential financing options.
- FY 2012 Commitment Draft – reviewed.
- Summer 2011 BOS Schedule – approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Justin L. Poirier, Administrative Assistant